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Ex Parte – via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room TW-A325
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Dockets No. 99-200 and 96-98

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 20 and 21, 2003, Bill Hunt, Greg Rogers and I of Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), met separately with Christopher Libertelli, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell, Matthew Brill, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, and Scott Bergman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the barrier to entry created by the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) denial of Level 3's requests for NXX codes in Iowa. As explained at the meetings and in the attached documents, Level 3 is a telecommunications carrier seeking to provide service in Iowa. Specifically, the services Level 3 initially intends to offer are direct inward dial services that allow for local connectivity to Level 3's Internet Service Provider ("ISP") customers. To be able to offer these services in Iowa, Level 3 must obtain numbering resources. Although Level 3 has met the requirements established by the FCC to obtain numbering resources, the IUB misinterpreted the relevant FCC decisions and denied Level 3's requests for NXX codes, thereby prohibiting Level 3 from providing telecommunications services in Iowa in violation of section 253.

In accordance with FCC Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in each of the above captioned dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/ submitted electronically

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